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The reply filed on 12/24/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant did not address the following argument by the examiner set forth in the 103 portion of the rejection:

Furthermore, Keratinocytes and melanocytes were well known at the time the invention was made as was the SV40 immortalization method. Given that and the motivation/desire to make immortalized cell lines from these cell types which is provided by the two cited reference, the claimed invention as a whole was at least prima facie obvious, if not anticipated by the references, especially in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

It should be noted however that the response of 12/24/03 will overcome the 112 rejection and 102 rejection.

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